

Statement

State/UT	Number of District Fora
Andhra Pradesh	23
Arunachal Pradesh	12
Assam	23
Bihar	55
Goa	2
Gujarat	20
Haryana	16
Himachal Pradesh	12
Jammu & Kashmir	2
Karnataka	20
Kerala	14
Madhya Pradesh	45
Maharashtra	31
Manipur	8
Meghalaya	7
Mizoram	3
Nagaland	7
Orissa	31
Punjab	13
Rajasthan	32
Sikkim	4
Tamil Nadu	24
Tripura	3
Uttar Pradesh	72
West Bengal	19
Andaman & Nicobar	2
Chandigarh	.
D & N Haveli	1
Daman & Diu	2
Delhi	2
Lakshadweep	1
Pondicherry	1
Total	508

Farm Exports

556. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the potential of the Andhra Pradesh remains grossly underutilised despite its being the second largest producer of fruits, vegetables and flowers in the country with about 11 lakh hectares under horticultural crops and a total production of 83.35 lakh tonnes.

(b) if so, whether the State's total export have risen from Rs. 1,724 crore in 1992-93 to Rs. 3,477 crore in 1994-95 and Rs. 5,172 crore this year and yet it is still only 5 per cent of the national export figure of Rs. 1,06,353 crore;

(c) if so, the main reasons for the same; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Andhra Pradesh has potential for horticulture development which is now being tapped gradually through investments from State and Central Governments.

(b) and (c) Statewise export figures of horticulture crops are not maintained. However, the exports of these crops is showing an average increase of over 25% annually for the country which is likely to improve further

(d) The Government is promoting a number of schemes in the State with the objective of improving production and quality of horticulture crops so that surplus could be generated for exports. Support is also being provided for developing infrastructure for post harvest handling and exports of these crops. In addition, fiscal incentive in form of relief on import duty, subsidy on freight, brand promotion etc. are also being extended.

Fencing of Border

557. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the scheme for fencing of the International Border with Pakistan in Jammu was finalised;

(b) the amount incurred on the scheme for its execution and the reasons for delay in executing the same, if any;

(c) the time schedule for completing the task alongwith the latest estimates of the expenditure; and

(d) the latest position of fencing the border in other areas, Statewise ?